

ing over to attend the Lambeth Confer-ence, which meets only once in ten years, and which will be attended by Bishops of

A luncheon at Lambeth palace is among

the numerous courtesies to be extended those in attendance with their wives.

Bishop and Mrs. Burton have aiready

country under circumstances so ausp

Captain and Mrs. John F. Mayer have

returned from a ten days' visit to New York and Brooklyn.

Miss Lula Braxton, who has been the guest of Miss Susie Harrison, east Broad street, has returned to her home in New-

St. John's Circle of King's Daughters and Sons will meet on Monday afternoon

On Friday, the 23d, Mrs. J. E. Fitz en-

tertained the Junior Aid Society of St. John's church at a Thimble Tea, given at

her hospitable home. Duty, in the shape of the finishing of a quilt for the Virginia

Home for Incurables, was made most pleasant, under these auspices. Light refreshments were served.

The Auxiliary of St. John's Episcopal

Church elected as delegates to the Council in Fredericksburg Mrs. A. W. eWddell, to

represent the Woman's Auxiliary and Mrs. J. E. Fitz to represent the Junior

. . . The first entertainment given in Tay-

lor's new hall, corner of Twenty-fifth and Broad streets, promise to be unique and highly enjoyable. It wil be given by the Young Ladies Auxiliary of St. John's Cir-

cle of King's Daughters and Sons, of which Mrs. Emmett Dickinson is the president. Although held in a public hall, the affair will be, to all intents and pur-

poses, a parlor reception. The accessions of shaded lamps, palms and rugs, and electric light illumination will make it in all respects enjoyable. The ladies have

been so fortunate as to secure Miss Lenore Duke, teacher of elocution at the Woman's College, this city, and other charming talent. The admission fee will

charming talent. The admission fee will entitle to fee cream and cake, without extra charge. This circle—organized last winter—has done valuable work for the Free Kindergarten, the Home for Incurables, and other charities. The date will be announced through the daily social column of this paper.

Thursday night was that for the Art Chib.

monthly social meeting of the Art Club, and those who were not present lost one of the most genuinely delightful

talks that has ever been given before it.

Mr. Arthur B. Clarke was the speaker,

his talk being in explanation of a series of stereopticon views. Starting in New

his audience across the ocean to Liver

come round to them. It is very much regretted that, owing to the absence of

a number of members from town, the attendance was smaller than at any of the preceding meetings—a fact which the absentees themselves have the best rea-

Th competitive poster designs for the

Loan Exhibition Catalogue, by Miss Ella Bruce, Mrs. J. arPker Dashiell, and Mrs.

Thomas Williamson, were upon the walls, and were all much admired. That win-ning was the one by Miss Ella Bruce,

Mr. Clarke quickly transported

Springs, Va.

returned to her home.

The tea at the Woman's Club Monday afternoon—one of the informal fortnightly series, to which so much that was pleas-ent in the club life of the year may be ant in the clib life of the year may be attributed—was as much enjoyed as usual, Mrs. J. Addison Cooke, Mrs. J. Arthur Lefroy, and Miss Guillaume constituting the Committee on Welcome. There was a large attendance, chiefly after & o'clock. Indeed, as the spring advances and the days lengthen, the calling does not usually been much before & Conversation days lengthen, the calling does not usually begin much before 6. Conversation concerned itself chiefly with the announcement on the state—that at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon Dr. William 8. Gordon will lecture before the club on "Nerves and Brain." br. Gordon's delightful reputation here as scholar, physician and gentleman makes crowded parlors certain on that afternoon.

On Friday the committee posted another announcement—that on Tuesday evening at half-past 8 o'clock, Miss Dora Duty Jones, new of Washington, D. C.

Ing at half-past 8 o clock, Alass Doty Jones, new of Washington, D. C., but formally of North Carolina, will lecture on the "The Madonna in Art," accompanying the lecture with sixty fine stereopticon illustrations. Miss Jones brings to Richmond testimoniaus of the brings to Richmond testimoniaus of the control of the part of the stereopticon illustrations.

brings to Richmond testimonicas of the
very highest order—from Mrs. Thomas
Nelson Page, Mary H. Willard, principal
of the American Home School, Berlin,
Germany; Edward H. Griffin, dean of
Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore,
Md.; James W. Bright, Professor of
English Philosophy, in that university,
and numerous other equivity competent
judges. She has lectured before most of
the leading women's clubs in the Eastern
cities, including the activate and critical
Arundel Club, of Baltimore, and her entagements for the winter course are of a
most flattering kind. Miss Jones is the
guest of Mrs. Wellford Reed, east Franklin street.

the same rule regarding escorts.

The same rule regarding escorts, which has obtained for the preceding night lectures, wil hold good for this. Members are requested to bear it in mind.

Among the ceaching parties given in honor of the grand finale of the Deep Run Hunt Club for this season, was a particularly delightful one by Mr. and Mrs. A. Oldfield Brown. Their guests were Misses Edna Young, Virginia Hayes and Phillis Langhorne; Messrs. George Arents, Bert Young, and Robert Campbell.

On the evening of the 24th, Mr. and Mrs. Brown also gave a dinner, which was their graceful way of saying adicubefore leaving for New York.

ments beautiful. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. A. Oldfield Brown, Miss Fiossic Talbott, Lelia Gray, Hattle Ross, Flossie Talbott, Lena Gray, Talbott, Lena Gray, Virginia Hayes, Maude Stokes, Claudia Palmer; Messrs, Bert Jung, George Arents, Clarence Young, Legh R. Page, Victor Williams, and Robert Campbell.

Mrs. Mary Louise Harrison will leave for New York on Monday.

Mrs. W. W. Archer and Mrs. Adair Pleasants left a few days ago for a visit to Sherwood Park.

It is said that a number of young ladies of the ultra fashionable set are now forming a club purely for the purpose of perfecting themselves in the art of conversation. If the idea is carried out, the membership will be charming. The best books will be read, and subjects discussed which will make study a necessity. This sounds, promising; it is delightful that fashionable enthusiasm should show itself in such wise ways. Until it is more mature, no names may be given, but all are promised then. The conversational habit of to-day differs from that of fifty years ago; it is now lighter, easi-It is said that a number of young ladies of fifty years ago; it is now lighter, easi er, more brilliant, rather than determined er, more brilliant, rather than determined and exhaustive. All topics are touched upon lightly, and there is a touch and go quality about it that is most appreciated by those who cannot hop make it, as a quality which fits most properly the drawing rooms of those who pretend to social distinction.

to social distinction. Mrs. Adolphus Blair is spending a few days out of town.

Miss Helena Trench Lefroy will attend the Harvard finals, and spend several weeks thereafter with Boston friends.

Letters received by friends in Richmond state that the Virginia girl, in the charming shape of Miss Fairfax Loving, who is now visiting friends in St. Louis, is sustaining in that city her reputation for fascinating qualities:

Miss Annie Lee Alfriend has returned from Norfolk, having had a delightful visit. It surprises no one to hear from Norfolk friends that she has been a belle llence, and won many new so-

pool, thence to London, and conducted them along the entire line of the Queen's Jubilee route, with stops at all the noted Miss Ellen Guigen, who has been visit-ing friends in Boston, has returned to Richmond and is the guest of Mr. and buildings en route. The evening was in charge of Mrs. William Gwatkin and Miss Louise Williams, who are charm-ingly sure to provide entertainment of a telling kind when the duties of hosts Mrs. A. B. Guigon

Miss Sylvia Taber, of Besten, is also

Mrs. Herbert Page (nee Claiborne), of Petersburg, is the guest of Mrs. Warner Moore. Mrs. Carson, of Lynchburg, is visiting her brother, Captain Allison, west Franklin street.

The final concert of the Ladies Matinee Musicale season was held at 8:20 o'clock Friday evening, at the residence of Mrs. George W. Stevens. 8:9 Floyd avenue, and was, in every sense, a brilliant conclusion to the year's admirable work. Gouned, Chopin, Bohm, A. Thomas, Robaudi, Wagner, Lisat, Mascagni, Rossini, and Alexandre Fesca were delightfully interpreted by Mrs. Stevens, Miss Mera, Mrs. Blair, Miss Webster, Miss Carrington, Miss Porter, Miss Louise Williams, Miss August, Mr. Hoen, and Mrs. Durrett, and at special request, Mr. Eaton, whose name stands for such charming musical talent played a number of selections which were greeted with The final concert of the Ladies Matiliant conclusion to the year's admirable work. Gounod, Chopin, Bohm, A. Thomas, Robaudi, Wagner, Liszt, Mascagni. Rossint, and Alexandre Fesca were delightfully interpreted by Mrs. Stevens, Miss Mera, Mrs. Rialr. Miss Webster. Miss Carrington, Miss Porter, Miss Louise Williams, Miss August, Mr. Hoen, and Mrs. Durrett, and at special request, Mr. Eaton, whose name stands for such charming musical talent played a number of selections which were greeted with applause. Thus ends the first year of the musical—one so full of interest and growth as to promise wonderful possilities next year.

The musicale was organized on Fritzer and master than the loth admired. That wings work and were all much admired. That wings work is all drawing was the one by Miss Ella Bruce, but all three are admirable. All drawings and paintings for the exhibition. The exhibition must be in not later than the loth, without fall. The club is an organization of which the city is proud, and it is heped that its growth may be encouraged by this exhibition. Among its members are the most gifted artists in the city, and three works. Clarke, ent on Tuesday night were Mrs. Clarke, ent on Tuesday night were M

Valentine, William Noand, and Edgar Brown. Mrs. William D. Thomas and Miss Ella Thomas are now at Virginia Beach, Before returning to Richmond, the lat-ter will visit friends in Norfolk.

Steger Winston, Miss Mary Norwood,

Miss Adele Williams, who is now in Early in June she will sail for Europe, on a three-months' sketching tour. in various directions a brilliant future is prophesied for Miss Williams. Atlanta, is expected to return next week.

A recent issue of the Kansas City Star A recent issue of the Kansas City Siar contains in its society columns the loi-jowing account of the reception given by Mrs. William Ambrose Wilson, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Charles Elliott Wortham. It will have a very personal kind of interest to scores of society people here, where, as Mrs. Robert H. Whitlock, Mrs. Wilson held to charming a lock, Mrs. Wilson held so charming a place socially:
"More than ordinary interest attached

"More than ordinary interest attached to the reception given Tuesday atternoon by Mrs. William Ambrose Wilson to introduce her sister, Mrs. Charles Eillott Wortham, Jr., of Rochester, N. Y., and Miss Barrett, of Henderson, Ky. It was Mrs. Wilson's first entertainment since her marriage, and the opportunity to meet her guests under the ment since her marriage, and the tunity to meet her guests under the specially pleasant circumstances made the event most auspicious. The beautiful surroundings of the Wilson home than the surrounding the presence with the grant process of the surrounding the surrounding that the s are thoroughly in keeping with the gra-cious and delightfully cordial manner of this most charming woman, whose com-ing to Kansas City from her Virginia ing to Kansas Cry from he home must have been as distinctly regretted by her friends there as it is delightful to the many she has already attached to her in her new home. Mrs. Wortham, like her sister, is also a most attractive woman, and, as Miss Ford, was famous as one of the beautifull belies attractive woman, and, as Miss Ford, was famous as one of the beautifull belles of Kentucky and Richmond. Both Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Wortham, and Miss Barrett were most suitably gowned in high-corsage tollettes, Mrs. Wilson in pink and white striped taffeta, with corsage of shirred chiffon; Mrs. Wortham, in pale-blue striped brocade, and Miss Barrett in white chiffon over silk. Branches of spiendid white roses dressed the pink and gold drawing-room in which the guests were received. The handsome square hall and staircase leading to the oriel window were set with huge urns of American Beauty roses, and the tapestried library with Eucharist lilies. Here champagne punch and claret-cup were served by Miss Gentry and Miss Lee. In the centre of the oak dining-room, the table was overlaid with open-work satin damask showing through its messes an interlining of pink satin. ond division are Mrs. Emma Ball, Mrs. Beckwith, Mrs. Evan Chesterman, Miss Carrington, Mrs. Durrett, Miss Frank-Carrington, Mrs. Durrett, Miss Franklin, Miss Guillaume, Mrs. Lockerman,
Mrs. Meloney, Miss Minor, Mrs. Scott
Parrish, Miss Stockdell, Miss Schoen, and
Miss Tree. In the third division are Miss
Ella August, Miss Bass, Mrs. J. S.
Brockenbrough, Mrs. Bethell, Mrs.
Clowes, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs.
Menzel, Miss Pattison, Mrs. Rehling,
Miss Rogers, Miss Shelton, Miss Scott,
and Miss Watkins. Bishop Burion, of the Diocese of Lex-ington, will, together with his wife, sail for Europe on May 23th, the Bishop goopen-work satin damask showing through its meshes an interlining of pink satin. The cloth was caught up at the four corners with broad pink hands, and either end lighted by silver candelabra under small rose shades. The centre of the table was occupied by an oblong bed of pink roses, several hundred being massed between hedges of ferns. An orchestra played from the landing leading to the ball-room, at the top of the house. A very agreeable feature of Mrs. Wilson's afternoon was the including of men guests for the latter partan innovation that was highly appreand which will be attended by Bishops of the Episcopal church from all parts of the world. Bishop Burton has been honor-ed with an invitation to occupy a place in the charcel of St. Paul's cathedral, upon the cavasion of the Queen's pres-ence at the sarvices in honor of her long reign. The complex service of the Conreign. The opening service of the Con-ference will be held in West Minister Abbey, and more than two hundred Bis-hops are expected to be present.

clated by those so favored. received many social invitations from friends in England, and visit the mother The Loan Exhibition, under the auspices of Old Dominion Chapter, Daugh-ters of the American Revolution, will be continued for another week, That decountry under circumstances so adapticious as to be highly gratifying to their many friends in this city. Mrs. Amelia Burton Leslie, who is now the guest of Miss Pearl Bodeker, will leave week after next, so as to visit her brother before his departure for Europe. continued for another week. That de-cision is the outcome of the daily in-creased interest in it, and the general ap-preciation. A gentleman to whose opins the community is accustomed t tach special weight, said yesterday that The meeting of the Fortnightly Whist he did not believe such another collecould be gotten together in any other city in the country. Yesterday, in spite Club has been postponed until the even-ing of Monday, May &d. of the heavy and continuous rainfall, scores of people visited the house before Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Landerkin left the city on Saturday, May 1st, for Hot 3 o'clock, and during the hours of the tea-5 to 7-the rooms were crowded. Miss Lucy Atkinson constituted a com-

innovation that was highly appre-

mittee of one on reception. At night Mrs.
James Pleasants and Miss Madge Friedly
received. They were to have been assisted by Mrs. John Hunter and Mrs.
Coke, who were, however unable to be present. There was some delightful vocal music, and a number of recitations by Miss Morgan. The Maury relies—a long ist—came in for a large share of atten-ion. They include: The Grand Cross of Our Lady of Gaude-

and Sons will meet on Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the residence of Miss Marry Schermerhorn, on Chimborazo Park,

Mrs. J. A. Coggeshall, of Washington, D. C., who was the guest of Mrs. Wellford Reed, of east Franklin street, has returned to her home.

Highness, the Archduke Ferdinand Maximillan of Austria, with accompanying

Austria, with accomp utograph letter.

Pearl and diamond broom to Mrs. Maury and family by His Irans-lai Highthe Czar of Russia, with accompany ing letter.

ing letter.

Autograph letter to Lieutenant Maury from His Imperial His mess, the Grand Duke Constantine, Grand Admiral of Russia, written at the instance of the Czar, offering a home upon the banks of the

The Austrian Great Gold Medal of e, presented by the Emperor of Austria.

Autograph letter to Lieutenant Maury from Baron von Humboldt, commending ing him that the King of Prussia had sen him the Prussian Great Gold Medal of Science and the Cosmos Medal. Autograph letter to Lieutenant Maury

Autograph letter to Leethende Maniferien From His Imperial Highness, Ferdinand Maximilian, Archduke of Austria, transmitting, on behalf of His Imperial Royal Apostolic Majesty, the Emperor of Austria, the Austrian Great Golden Medal for Art and Science, with reply from Lieutenant Maury.

Lieutenant Maury.

A letter to Lietenant Maury from the Prussian Minister, presenting to him, by order of His Majesty, the King of Prussia, the Great Golden Medal for Science and the Cosmos Medal,

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cember 14, 1855.

Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of New York, thanking Lieutenant Maury for the benefits he conferred upon commerce and navigation, for his protection and enhancement of the mercial character and greatne the people, and recommending 18m to

Congress for promotion. All who ere interested in the Exhibi-tion speak enthusiastically of the untir-ing zeal of Mrs. Herbert Claiborne, and the other ladies of the committee, who have spent the most of each day at the rooms, putting extra touches to the rooms, receiving visitors, etc. They are the people who have made the thing suc cessful. The hours next week will be the same as those this week-11 A. M. to 1 P. M.-with daily 5 o'clock teas and night ly special entertainments. The social features this week will often be reverted to pleasantly by those who enjoyed them to pleasantly by those who enjoyed them the stereopticon presentation of old Virginia homes by Mr. W. G. Stanard, the Children's Martha Washington Tea Party, the reading of old letters by Dr. Robert F. Williams, and the teas when friends gathered in the rooms and taked gaily of the cutlook for next week. The Martha Weshington Tea Party was charming and its success is entirely attributable to the fine trading of the children of Patrick Henry Chapter, Chilchildren of Patrick Henry Chapter, Children of the American Revolution by Miss Bell Perkins and Mrs. Mary Louise Har

great-grandfather would have felt proud of him. Master Robert Daniel, the fine little son of Mr. J. R. V. Daniel, personated Edmund Randolph, making a captivating speech in acceptance of the appointment of first Attorney-General, Master Daniel, as well as Master Lyons, was loudly applauded. Little Page Shelburne as Mr. Page, sang the national hymn charmingly. Then little Miss inex Goodwyn really covered herself with honors by her recitation, "How Grandma Danced the Minuet," She also sang in response to an encore, "Comin' Thro' the Rye." Then came the minuet, led by Mary Warfield Crenshaw as Miss Warfield and handhome little Robert Minor Dashiell as Colonel Robert Randolph. The other dancers, a lovely Rittle party, were Master Landon Mason, as Mr. George Mason; Miss Henningham Lyons, Mrs. Patrick Henry; Miss Hunsie Glazebrook, Mr. Robert Roane; Miss Cora Harrison, Mrs. Heath; Master Peylin, Dr. David Ramsey, Mrs. Louise Harrison, Mrs. Mrs. Heath; Master Peyten, Dr. David Ramsey; Mrs. Louise Harrison, Mrs. Richard Bland; Miss Elizabeth King, Mrs. Kent Master Grayson Dashiell, Dr. Mortimer: Miss Inez Joedwyn, Mrz. Ed-mund Pendleton; Miss Josephine Putney, as Mrs. Robert Alexander; Little Master Peyton, Mr. Debney Carr; Master Steph-en Putney as E. Keen Withers.

The ladies of the local memorial societies and all who co-operated with them in presenting the "Scones and Incidents of the Cuban War" deserve hearty congratulations upon the pleasant entertain-ment, and all their friends will regret with them that the affair was not a greater financial. greater financial success.

Last week Mrs. Hunter McGuire entertained a party of ladies at an elegant luncheon in honor of Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee and her sister, Mrs. Alexander F. Rob-ertson, of Staunton. It is delightful to the friends of the charming wife of the gallant Consul-General to have her back again.

After May 5th, Mrs. E. H. Squibb, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Francis B. Isaacs, No. 1118 Park avenue.

The Young Ladies' Society of Grace church has purchased the privilege or serving refreshments on the Jamestown excursion, on May 13th, under the ausexculsion, on language pieces of the Association for the Preserva-tion of Virginia Antiquities. These pop-ular ladies are well known for their efficient work.

Breathed at High Bridge,

Editor of The Times: Sir,-In your issue of the 12th inst., appears a letter from Mr. J. McGili, of Pulaski, and also one written him by Gen. Rosser describing the part taken n the battle of High Bridge by Maj.

I have no desire to get into a con-I have no desire to get into a con-troversy about the war which ended with me at the surrender of Gen. Lee at Appomattox thirty-two years ago. What I wrote was in the interest of true history. No one I presume would doubt the bravery or daring of Major Breathed, both of which were made manifest upon many battlefields. I chal-lenged the correctness of the report of manifest upon many battlefields. I challenged the correctness of the report of the part acted by Major Breathed at the battle of High Bridge on April 7th, not 6th, as stated by Gen. Rosser and it seems Mr. McGill introduces Gen. Rosser's letters to prove the correctness of said report. If so he was very unfortunate in introducing said witness. If Gen. Rosser's proves anything he proves conclusively the incorrectness of said report in every particular except that part in which it was stated Major Breathed was attacked

was stated Major Breathed was attacked op Federal officers and had a hand and fight. In the first place it located be High Bridge above Farmville, which a incorrect, as it is below Farmville. It urther says "Major Breathed was command of several troops of cavali and Gen. Rosser ordered the Major charge, that the Major repeated the order to charge and dashed ahead on magnificent bay. At the same moment two Union officers mounted spurred out rom the enemy's lines, etc. Pell-mell he Yankee horsemen fell upon the Conederate Major single and alone, who nomining his sabre put its steel through the breast of one of his assailants. Breathed fell from his horse upon his Steathed fell from its holes upon the would have had the advantage when a sergeant from the Major's command lashed up and shot the Union officer lead. Major Breathed sprans up and dead. Major Breathed sprang up and with one boot off and the other on mounted the Union officer's horse and ted the charging column against the enemy, routed them and took many prisoners etc.

Gen. Rosser says in his letter published April 2d, mentioned above, "I rode rapidly to them (meaning the men on foot) and on my way came upon three mounted men fighting. There was no one near them and the fog and smoke nounted men fighting. There was no ne near them and the fog and smoke to obscured them that I could not make ut at first what it meant. I rode directly towards them and when near enough to recognize them saw that two Federal ffleers were trying to kill or capture fajor Breathed. Before I could get to om Breathen fell or seemed to be push-from his horse, but as soon as neiched the ground two quick shots from pistol brought both of his assailants ess to the ground, one of them fail-across him. Breathed rose instantly ing across him. Breathed rose instantly, his face and body dripping with blood from the many sabre thrusts and cuts which he had received, and drawing on his boot which had been in some way pulled off in the tussle, he mounted fishorse without the least concern and lashed again into the thickest of the fight, etc. Breathed had followed me and hearing the firing was trying to loin me by some means when he was set upon by two captains and a sergeant

captains closed on him with their sabres and crowded him so closely he could not use his pistol except to parry unti-thrown to the ground."

The Confederate Museum report says, as your readers will observe, that Major Breathed was ordered by Gen. Rosser breathed was ordered by the house to charge, etc. Gen. Rosser says that Major Breathed hearing the firing was trying to get to him when he was set upon by Union officers. This, I think, very probable as he was going in that

et upon by two captains and a sergeant who ordered him to surrender, but in-tend he shot the sergeant and the two

ains closed on him with their sabres

The Confederate Museum report says Major Breathed pierced one of his assailants with his sabre and shot the other, pulled off his boot in his fall and left ft. Gen. Rosser says he fell from his horse and then shot both captains dead, drew on his boot, etc. Now I repeat what I said in my letter of March 29th. Major Breathed had no command, made no charge, pulled off his boot and left it, and in the engagement I saw (and participated in) but one man was hurt and he a Federal officer who had his arm broken by one of three men who went The Confederate Museum report says broken by one of three men who went to Major Breathed's assistance. Gen. Rosser may have been there but I dd

In my former letter I said Col. Boston was colonel of the 6th Va. Cavalry, It should have been the Fifth. C. B. HOOD. Culpeper, Va., April 21st.

Yellow eyes,

sallow complexion, bad taste in the mouth, heavy, dull feeling; miserable, Dr. upset-liver out of Deane's order. Dr. Deane's Dyspepsia Dyspepsia Pills will put it in order. Pills.

White wrapper if constipated, yellow if bowels are loose. Send to us for a free sample, or get age, worth at your druggist's and see if they don't. DR. J. A. DEANE CO., Kingston, N. Y.

TO BID ON GAS-WORKS.

ACETYLENE PEOPLE PROMISED FIGOROUS OFFFOSITION.

The Committee on Light and Finance Favor Submitting the Most Favorable Proposition to the People.

Several parties are anxious to either buy Several parties are anxious to either buy or lease the Gas Works, and the Com-mittees on Light and Finance jointly recommended to the Council last night that competitive bids he received for the sale or lease, with the right reserved to reject all offers, the acceptance of the highest or most favorable bid to be voted on by the people

At the last previous joint meeting of the ommittees, the question of the sale of the Gas Works was considered, and a report of Superindent Knowles, to the effect that the Gas Works was a paying effect that the Gas Works was a paying institution, was also read. A resolution was adopted, stating in substance that in view of the report of the Superintendent, and in the absence of a proposition, it was deemed inadvisable to sell.

The re-opening of the question was dehated at some length, Messrs. Hardwicke and Witte taking the ground that the committee had represented its task, and

committee had performed its task, and adjourned sine die, and that any new propositions should be made to the Council, and referred in the regular order of

THREE PROPOSALS. A motion to reconsider was passed by a vote of nine to two. The motion was then laid on the table, and the proposition of Mr. William J. Payne, which was published in full in The Times of Thurs-

day, was taken up. Colonel James Lyons, who was present. stated that he was not prepared to submit a written proposition, but he repre-sented parties having large gas holdings who were willing to pay more than we offered by Mr. Payne. His clients d offered by Mr. Payne. His clients sired that the question be submitted to a popular vote, and, if carried, they were willing to bid.

Judge Marshall, of Portsmouth, on be-

half of himself and others, wished to be considered among bidders. They had no detailed proposition, as they had supposed the Council would first decide whether the Gas Works were to be leased or sold outright. They did not entici-pate the consideration by the Council or committees of any single proposition.

Mr. Rountres moved to report in favor of submitting the question of the disposition of the Gas Works to the people at the May election, and that no proat the May election, and that no posal for less than \$2,000,000 be considered. Another stipulation was that gas for the city streets and public institutions must be furnished free, and \$1 per thousand feet to be the maximum price charged the public. DISPOSED OF.

Mr. Zimmermann moved as a substi-tute report one in favor of the Council receiving competitive bids for the sale or lease of the Gas Works, reserving the right to reject all and the highest or most favorable bid, to be submitted to The latter was adopted by the fol-

Ayes-Messrs. Starke, Stokes, Tanner, O. S. Allen, Zimmer-mann, and Cottrell.

Nocs-Messrs. Hardwicke, Witte, and Rountree.
OTHER COMMITTEES. The Committee on Light met at 6 P. M., with the following members present: Mesars. Starke (chairman), Hardwicke.

Wallerstein, Stokes, Tanner, Witte, and O. S. Allen. A bill of \$2.517.32 of the Richmond Ratiway and Electric Company for lights was ordered paid. The pay-roll, amount-

arg to \$1.775.60, was approved.

A request for a gas-main from Hanover street to Park avenue, via Wainut over street to Park avenue, via Vannue, was rejected on account of the expense. Contracts were awarded to James Gardner, Jr., of Pittsburg, Pa., for five benches and settings, five tons of ground and fire clay, and 5,000 fire-brick, at \$SI. Other bidders were Messrs. Cyrus Bargner of Philadelphia: and the Baltimore ner, of Philadelphia; and the Baltimor Retort and Fire-Brick Company, of

The Committee on Police yesterday pproved the April pay-rolls and bills mounting to \$154.68. The Chief of Police was authorized to amounting to S. isi.es.

The Chief of Police was authorized to purchase fifty "billies." The meeting was held at the office of Mr. E. D. Starke. Those present were Messrs. Starke, chairman; Williams, and Montgomery.

The contract for thirty-eight free-boxes was awarded to Frank Newman by the Compiling on St. John's President.

Ground, at the regular meeting Friday Montgomery, Woody, Miller, and Wil-liams, the full committee, were present.

THE LOAN EXHIBITION,

ome of the Attractions for the Week_The

Visitors.

The attendance at the Loan Exhibition was somewhat decreased on yesterday by the inclement weather.

Those that were there, however, were appeal to the taste of all who have any appreciation for the history of our past or love for the productions of art. It should be born in mind that this ex-

It should be born in mind that this exhibition is not antiquarian only but consists largely of objects of artistic interest.
While many of the representative and
most cultured people of Richmond have
seized the opportunity of enjoying such
a treat as the exhibition affords, the
wonder is that in a city like this there
are so many who have been indifferent
to its attractions.
The Exhibition will be kept open until The Exhibition will be kept open until

Thursday night and on each evening there will be some entertainment of spe-cial interest and on each afternoon the usual teas.

The presentation of stereopticon views The presentation of stereopticon views of old Virginia homes and churches, which attracted so much attention, will be repeated by special request on Monday or Tuesday evening. Further notice as to the exact time will be duly given through the newspapers.

Upon other evenings there will be much particles and times once familiar but

sic including old tunes once familiar but now seldom heard.

There are no expenses in connection with the exhibition except the small fee of admission and sale of catalogues.

Among the visitors last evening was the Rev. Frank Page, of Waco, Texas, a brother of Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, of Washington.

of Washington.
Other visitors were the Misses Houston,
Mr. Dandridge Spotswood, Mr. Noland,
Mr. Herbert W. Claiborne, Miss Robins,
Mr. Huntt, of Philadelphia; Mr. Merriwether Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Tinsley, Mr.
Harvey, Miss Conway, of Rappahannock;
Miss Williamson, Mrs. Pleasants, Miss
Neale, Miss Tatum, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs.
Lightfoot Wormley, Mrs. Adair Pleasants, Mrs. Carter and Miss Diana Duval.

Cincograph at the Academy.

The cincograph, as one of the new ma-chines for reproducing life-sized animated pictures of every-day occurrences is call-ed, began an engagement of three nights and Tuesday matinee at the Academy of Music last evening before a small audi-

ence.

A graphophene gave various selections of both vocal and instrumental music between the pictures, which were numerous.

There were several littles in the work.

There were several litches in the working of the cincograph, rendering a few of the scenes in an incomplete way. The manager said that a sprocket wheel in the delicate machinery had broken, which caused the trouble.

The majority of the scenes went very well, especially "Feeding the Pigeons," "Inauguration Day on Pennsylvania Avenue. "Wash Day." "The Seaside." "The Lehigh Valley Rallroad Express," and a number of scenes of street happenings, including views of patrol wagons, fire engines and sleighing parties.

An accurate reproduction of the late Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight is promised, possibly Monday night, surely on Tuesday night, and a duplicate of the

broken wheel is now on the way, to arrive here to-day.

The graphophone was very entertaining, producing popular songs, marches, and other pleasing melodies in interesting fashion.

Randolph Literary Society

Last night was the date set for the an-nual election of officers of the Randolph Literary Society, which resulted as fol-

ows: Messrs. Lee Crutchfield, president, John Gibson, vice-president; Elbin Folkes, secretary; John B. Lightfoot, treasurer; Crump Tucker, censor and critic; J. M. N. Allen, sergeant-at-arms.

The secretary then proceeded to the de-bate which was upon the question: "Re-solved. That Socialism Has Its Redeeming features." After the subject had been discussed by the regular debaters, Mr. Frye, an old member of the society, who was present, was called upon, and responded in an interesting manner. meeting is at 8:15 P. M. Saturday, May 8th.

To Appoint Superintendents.

The State Board of Education will con vene at noon on Saturday, May 15th, in the executive chamber. The Board con-sists of Governor O'Ferrall, Attorney-General R .Taylor Scott and Hon. John E. Massey, Superintendent of Public In-struction. Mr. John A. McGilvray is the secretary. The Board will be in session for several days in order to appoint su-penintendents of public schools for the various cities and counties.

The positions where there is no con-test will first be filled, but it is thought that in some localities quite a fight for the appointment, will be the appointments will be made,

Freight Clerks Meet. The Freight Clerks Acsociation had its regular monthly meeting in Central Hail, Fifth street between Broad and Marshall,

There was a large attendance of mem-bers of the association, and much inter-

est was manifested.

The association having decided to include in its membership all railroad, steamboat and steamship clerks, many new members were added to its roll last evening.

Charged With Stealing a Cow.

Charles Walker, a colored boy, seven-teen years of age, was arrested yester-day on the charge of stealing a cow from G. A. Schleiser, a justice of the peace, living near the Old Market. The cow was recovered and the boy

taken to the Second station.

Photographed the Mystery.

The mysterious hand which has appeared on a window in the residence of Mr. N. E. Woods, at No. II east Clay street, has been photographed by Dr. William H. Taylor. The negatives have not yet been developed, but Dr. Taylor thinks he has a good photograph.

Major Slaughter's Condition. The condition of Major M. Slaughter, who is at the Virginia Hospital under treatment after his recent stroke of paralysis, was reported to be unchanged last night.

Affairs in Buckingham.

NEW STORE, VA., May 1.—Special.—The continued drought which has been a source of rat uneasiness to the farmers of this section, is broken at last, and last night a heavy shower fell.

The crops, with the exception of wheat, which is somewhat affected by chinch bug, are all good, and promise a plentiful harvest. harvest.

The fruit is all killed in some locali-

ties, but at this place, as usual, it was not injured by the frost, and from present indications. I think there will be an abundance of fruit of all kinds.

The wild strawberry crop will be unus-

ally large. Mrs. W. E. Gilliam, who has for some Mrs. W. E. Gilliam, who has for some time been in Richmond at the Virginia Hospital, under the treatment of Dr. Taylor, and afterwards spent several weeks with her cousin, Mrs. John Munce, has returned to her home near this place much improved in health. Mrs. R. M. Anderson, of Andersonville.

Mrs. R. M. Anderson, of Andersonville, is still in Richmond under the care of Dr. James White. Mrs. Anderson is suffering from a throat affection, which has been troubling her for several months. This makes her fourth visit to Richmond within the last six months, and it is hoped that this will be her last, for treatment, as she is much improved. The Rainbow Circle of King's Daughters gave an entertainment at the Auro-

ters gave an entertainment at the Auro-ra Vista School house at Andersonville on Easter Monday, which was well pa-tronized and which was a remunerative

Mr. Howard Lewis, of Howardsville, spent a night or two with friends at this place this week.

place this week.

Mr. Lewis is much interested in the
minerals of the county, and considers
some of the specimens very fine.

Mr. Edward C. McCraw, of Bristol. Tenn., is at his home near this place on

Fire in Albemarle,

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., May 1.—
Special.—At "East Beimont," Keswick.
Va., the beautiful home of Mr. Isaac
Lorg, at 3 o'clock this morning fire destroyed a large office in the yard. The
residence was thought to be in imminent
danger, but the neighbors succeeded in
conquering the flames before they reached the building. Cause of the fire unknown, but supposed to be of incendiary
origin.

rigin.
Since last evening copious showers of ain have fallen, and all vegetation seems o leap for joy, and farmers wear a cheer-ul smile in anticipation of an abundant trass, grain and fruit crop.

Newman-Preston.

BRISTOL. VA. May 1.—Special.— The residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Preston, Spencer street, was the scene of a pretty home wedding on Thursday morning, when Miss Jennie Pairman Preston was married to Mr. Thomas J. Newman, Dr. S. R. Preston, of Green-ville, S. C., officiating. parlor was tastefully decorated

with palms and potted plants and cut flowers, forming a beautiful bank, before which the bridal party stood. The ceremony was simple but impressive and

The bridal couple left immediately for Lynchburg and other points in Virginia

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o spend their honeymoon, after which they will return to Bristol to reside.

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Among those in attendance were Dr. and Mrs. Robert J. Preston, of Malne; Dr. S. B. Preston, of South Carolina; Mrs. John C. Summers, of Montgomery and Miss Isa Preston, of Walnut Grove.

Oxford Republicans. OXFORD, N. C., May 1.—Special.—The Republicans of Oxford held a secret meet-

Republicans of Oxford field a seriet meeting Friday night, and nominated a ticket
which they call the "Citizens' Ticket,"
for the municipal election next Monday.
Mr. Thornwell Lanier, who was defeated
in the Democratic convention for Mayor,
was chosen as the Republican nominee
for Mayor. Democrats were nominated for Mayor, Democrats were nominated for commissioners also on the same Valuable Rain.

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